

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

"Mrs. Charlotte Sweet and Mrs. Sophia Marvin presented themselves for admission to the church and giving satisfactory evidence of experimental piety were admitted.

"Closed with prayer by the Moderator.

"SAMUEL HODGDON, Clerk."

A perfect form of record!

And so was established that early church! Eight original members by letter, two members on the following day on profession of faith, ten charter members. None of the direct descendants of those original members are now connected with this church, although some are active in Presbyterian churches of Scranton, Montrose and Easton.

Within a few days after the organization of this church, the Stourbridge Lion and another of the English locomotives were sent up the Hudson from New York and via canal to Honesdale. By the end of July the Stourbridge Lion had arrived but the story of the other locomotive is lost.

Some stated supplies served the church during the summer and we can fancy how important a summer that was, for on August 8th, according to the History of the D. & H. as compiled by its president, Mr. Horatio Allen "unaided and alone drove the Stourbridge Lion upon an epoch making round-trip, partly over a curved trestle, three miles into the woods of Pennsylvania to the site of Seelyville, returning to the starting point by reversing the engine.

"The first steam locomotive to turn a wheel or to run on any track in the United States."

The officials of the company must have been present for that trial run! How eagerly they must have gone over the proposed railroad route over the Moosic Mountain. One can fancy some of them coming into Carbondale, seeing with great satisfaction the effort of the pioneers, noting the church organization, appreciating its effect upon the people and the activities of the settlement, realizing the need of a building, donating land and contributing money towards the church provision.